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Pats' parade put on ice by freezing weather

Postponed. Super Bowl parade pushed back until Wednesday due to snow.

It looks like Boston Mayor Marty Walsh has snow on his face.

Walsh backtracked last night after holding a noon press conference in which he declared that the New England Patriots Super Bowl victory parade would roll out on Tuesday morning despite an ongoing blizzard that was set to dump more than a foot of snow on Boston's already blanketed streets.

Earlier on Monday, Walsh told reporters at a live news conference that the parade would happen on Tuesday, despite the snow. Players often go on vacation with their families right after their seasons are over and the hope was to have as many Patriots players and staff attend the rally as possible. That wouldn't happen if it was pushed back to the weekend, according to Walsh.

"As every day that goes on, you lose more and more players," said Walsh, a longtime Patriots season ticket holder.

At noon, as snow fell and cars skidded, Walsh said he was confident enough snow would be cleared from the city's sidewalks and streets to accommodate crowds on Tuesday.

"We'll be fine, we have crews out there now," he said.

He said the city never considered cancelling the parade.

"I think people want a parade," said Walsh.

But come 5:30 p.m., Walsh's office released a statement saying there was a change of plans.

"Due to today's bad weather and the worsening forecast for tonight, the New England Patriots and the City of Boston have made the mutual decision to postpone the victory parade until Wednesday, February 4 at 11 a.m. We thank everyone for their flexibility and patience during the planning of this parade and we look forward to celebrating with Patriots fans during better weather on Wednesday."

When the parade eventually happens, it is expected to last between an hour and 90 minutes. Walsh had said there would be no victory rally at City Hall because of the snow and freezing temperatures, though it was unclear last night if the rally would be back on. Walsh said city crews would be clearing snow away from other parts of the city and would not be able to clear the plaza in time for such festivities if they were to happen Tuesday. Additionally, he said temperatures are expected to dip into the mid-teens, without windchill.

Citing the expected frigid temps and recent snow accumulation, Walsh could not give an estimate in terms of how many people he expected to attend.

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Plow crews worked throughout the day on Monday to prepare the parade route along Boylston Street for today's Patriots parade. / ALL PHOTOS NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Snowed in

Boston gets buried ... again

A storm dumped a foot of snow in some areas of greater Boston Monday, snarling the morning and evening commutes and prompting schools to cancel classes throughout the region.

Wind chills were expected to be below zero for much of Monday. Those frigid temps are expected to continue into today. Stretches of the Mass Pike may have wind chills of 15 below or colder, according to the National Weather Service. Boston Public Schools have canceled classes for today.

A winter storm warning was in effect for eastern Massachusetts until 1 a.m. today, according to that service. Snow was expected to last through Monday night.

Parade route

The parade is slated to start at 11 a.m. near the Prudential Tower and proceed down Boylston Street, past Copley Square and the Public Garden, before turning right on Tremont Street at the Boston Common.

- The parade will continue onto Tremont Street and swing onto Cambridge Street. It will end at City Hall Plaza.
- The Patriots players will be bussed in from Gillette Stadium in Foxborough to the Hynes Convention Center, where they will board 25 duck boats — the amphibious vehicles often seen taking tourists on tours of the city that have become synonymous with championship processions in recent years.
- At the end of the parade, the players will board buses near City Hall and be taken back to Foxborough.

Duckboats sit in a garage; to the right, a fan shops for merchandise.

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Pricey

Walsh: Last week's storm cost the city $10 million

Last week's historic snowstorm cost the city of Boston more than $10 million in snow cleanup and disposal costs, according to Mayor Marty Walsh.

The storm dumped two feet of snow on the city over a 36-hour period from Monday January 26 through early Wednesday January 28. The snowfall was the sixth largest in Boston's recorded history. METRO

Winter

Snow Stats tracks snow information

Boston residents can now access snow operation information 24 hours a day on a new City website.

Snowstats.boston.gov, lets Bostonians monitor snow operations including an overview of the season showing the total miles and hours plowed, salt used, and total snowfall. The platform also shows the phases of snow removal operations and what tasks are currently being completed. METRO

Games

Olympic questions put on ballot

Boston City Councilor Josh Zakim on Monday filed an order for the placement of four Olympic questions on the 2015 local ballot. They include: Should Boston host the 2024 games; should the city commit any public money; should the city make any financial guarantees to cover cost overruns; should the city use eminent domain to take private land on behalf of the games. SHNS

Walsh asks for vigilance as snowstorm slams city

A disheveled man takes shelter in one of Boston's many MBTA stations. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Boston. Officials want residents to look out for one another.

With forecasters predicting heavy snowfall into Tuesday, city officials have been urging residents to put safety first and keep an eye on vulnerable neighbors.

"We are very concerned about this current storm and its implications. Working with city departments and our private partners, we will take every precaution necessary to keep our residents safe," Mayor Marty Walsh said in a statement Monday.

The city's homeless and elderly residents are at heightened risk due to the cold snap, Walsh's office said.

Health officials said stressed that severe wind chills forecasted, as low as -15 to –24 below zero, put people exposed to the elements at risk for hypothermia or frostbite.

The Boston Public Health Commission said it is in contact with its city-wide network of homeless shelter providers, outreach teams, city agencies, and first responders to coordinate efforts to reach Boston's homeless population before, during, and after the predicted snowfall and temperature drop.

The homeless should be encouraged to seek shelter at the Pine Street Inn and Boston Healthcare for the Homeless outreach vans, the health commission said.

If you see a person in need of shelter, or if you are aware of a homeless individual who is not properly dressed for the cold, please call 911.

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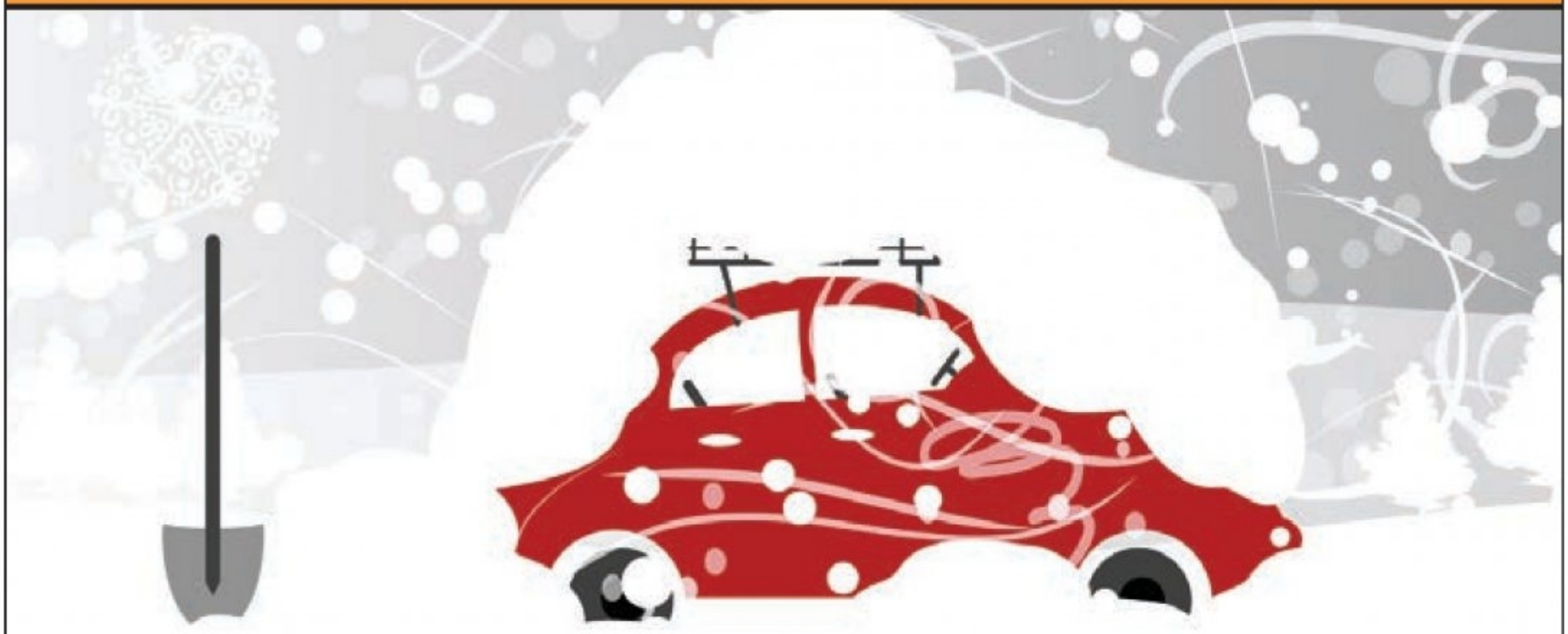

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Fatality

Snowplow strikes, kills Weymouth woman

A woman in her 50s was killed Monday morning after being struck by a snowplow in Weymouth, the Norfolk County district attorney's office reported.

The woman, who was not identified pending the notification of family members, was struck just before 10 a.m. at the Tara Gardens condominium complex, the Associated Press reported.

She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The snowplow driver worked as an independent contractor for the condo's management, not for the city of Weymouth, the AP reported.

The driver reportedly remained at the scene after the incident.

The district attorney's office and Weymouth police are investigating.

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Celebrations, but no arrests in Boston following Super Bowl

New England Patriots fans flood onto Canal Street in Boston after the team won Super Bowl XLIX. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Restrained.
Bostonians celebrated the Patriots victory, but ugly incidents of old were avoided.

Boston Police reported no significant incidents following the New England Patriots dramatic Super Bowl victory Sunday night.

While groups of students could be seen celebrating around the city, Mayor Marty Walsh confirmed early Monday afternoon that there was not a single arrest related to the Super Bowl celebrations.

Boston Police Commissioner William Evans acknowledged that there were a "couple thousand kids" celebrating in the streets throughout Boston after the Sunday night victory, but the crowds were well-behaved, he said.

"It was a good night, a great victory for the city," he said.

He added: "I always like to see a blowout because those spontaneous victories are our worst nightmares, but everyone behaved."

Evans issued a letter to university students last week imploring them to celebrate responsibly.

Extra patrols were out during the game. Significant police presence could be seen at Boylston Street, Faneuil Hall and Kenmore Square. Police erected barricades for crowd control in Kenmore, which has been the site of large, and at times, ugly celebrations following championships in past years. The idea, said Evans, was to not allow "the bar crowd to mix with the college kids."

There have been post-championship incidents in the past in the city. In 2004, fans rioted during that fall's baseball playoffs. One woman was killed after being struck in the eye with a pepper spray pellet fired from police who were trying to disperse a crowd.

Quoted

"I always like to see a blowout because those spontaneous victories are our worst nightmares, but everyone behaved."
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4 $8 million, 60 seconds. Not to be outdone, Jaguar shot a mini-movie starring Sir Ben Kingsley, "Thor" star Tom Hiddleston and Mark Strong to tout its 5F Coupe. Tom Hooper ("The King's Speech") directed the short, which explains to American viewers why British villains are the best.

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3 $8 million, 60 seconds. Kia brought viewers back last year with its "Matrix"-inspired commercial. What better way to advertise its new luxury car than by spending $133,333 a second?

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3 Financial goals to set in 2015

Just because I'm a millionaire doesn't mean that I don't constantly strive to do better in my finances, career and health. Here are three worthwhile goals for 2015:

Goal #1: Be charitable

It's not just about giving money; you can also donate your time to helping others. I've made more money than I could ever spend — and trust me, I've tried — so this year I'll be focusing on giving away more of my money than I have in the past. I plan on giving away $2 million, which isn't easy because I'm not just giving it away randomly. When being charitable you must choose worthy causes, and thanks to websites like Charity Navigator we can evaluate various charities based on their effectiveness. I understand most people can't afford to give away millions, but giving some of what you do have to those who are less fortunate is a worthwhile goal to set for yourself.

Goal #2: Be meticulous

In the past few years, I've noticed a trend that people are becoming lazier and lazier thanks to the rapid evolution of entertainment and technology. You must strive to be more meticulous in your work and focus on not being distracted by the fast-growing world around you. I've taught my millionaire students to make their fortunes by being dedicated workers. When there's something I don't understand, I meticulously research until I find the answer. This has served me well in life and I encourage you to do likewise so you'll enjoy similar success.

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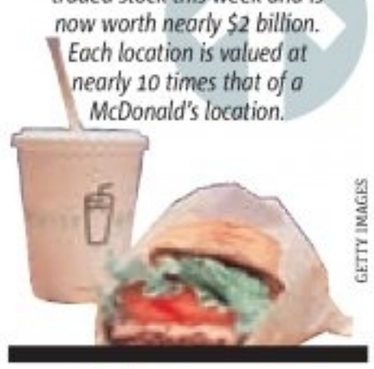

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Goal #3: Get ambitious

No matter what your passion is, you should always strive to be the absolute best in the world. I know that sounds crazy, but it's not. Mediocrity is not acceptable. Yes, I'm one of those annoying millionaire perfectionists and while I've done well in my own life, my new focus is making the lives of others better with my eccentric yet effective teachings. Be ultra-ambitious in 2015, dream big and go after those big dreams with passion you never knew you were capable of. Trust me, no matter who you are, you are capable of achieving great things if you put your mind to it.

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What Tim Sykes is into this week...

1 *Mitt Romney bowed out of the presidential race; glad he could accept his low odds of victory so early this time around.*

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2 *The U.S. stock market indexes dropped 3 to 5 percent in January. Good! I need some time off after a record 2014.*

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3 *Ben Affleck and Matt Damon took responsibility on Jimmy Kimmel's show for the infamous Patriots football deflating; glad we got that solved!*

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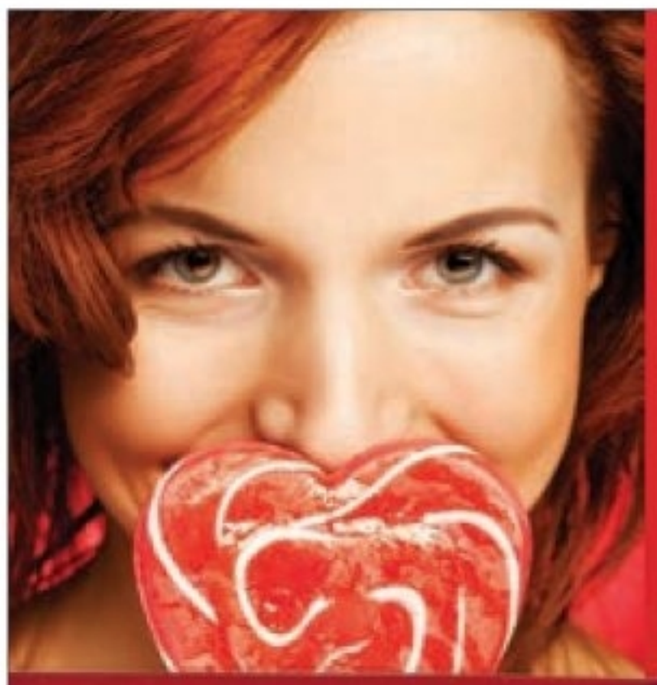

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4 Ways to get ready to take the GMAT

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Test prep. Embrace your work experience.

There is a commonality among those seeking a master's degree in business or finance: They are ready to take their careers to the next level – and most have not taken a standardized test in years.

"The average age for someone taking the GMAT is 28," says Rob Franek of the Princeton Review. "That's opposed to an LSAT student, who has an average age of 21. So GMAT students have several years of work and life experience that they should feel confident about."

Franek, author of "The Best 378 Colleges," shares this advice for GMAT preparation.

Erase your memories of the SAT

1 "People forget that you take the GMAT on a computer, which means that you can take it whenever you want," says Franek. "It's a comprehensive exam that tests analytical writing, reasoning, and verbal and math skills."

Assess your strengths

2 "Generally speaking, GMAT students have strong math skills — though students who have a liberal arts major may want to refresh on the math," he notes.

Set aside time to study

3 "Six weeks of prep is a good rule of thumb," says Franek. "Remember, cramming doesn't pay off from a standardized test perspective. At the end of each week, you should take a practice test and see your score."

Understand the essay

4 For many prospective test takers, the GMAT's essay section is the one that causes the most worry. "It's a focused essay that's an analysis of an argument," says Franek. "Students should understand that they are moving on to case management and should show that they can think clearly."

Quoted

"The average age for someone taking the GMAT is 28. ... So GMAT students have several years of work and life experience that they should feel confident about." Rob Franek, of the Princeton Review

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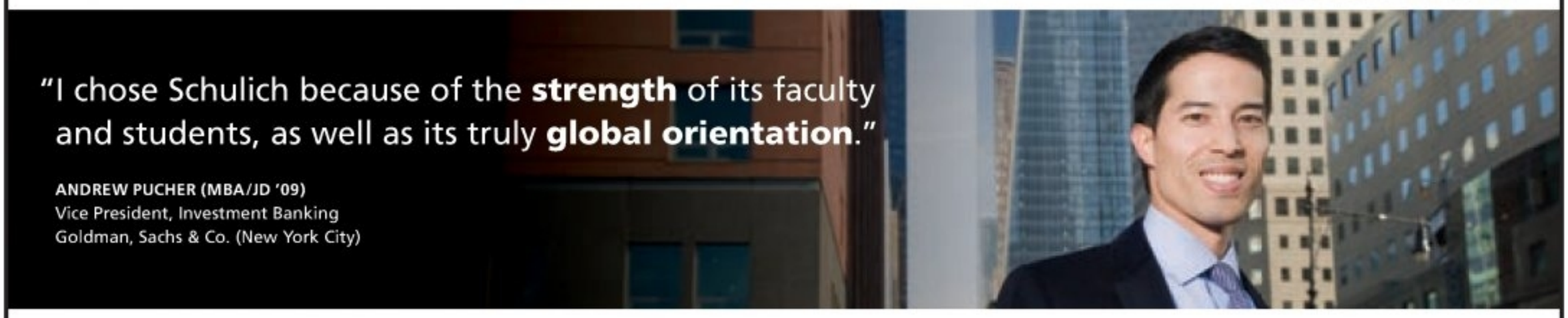
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"In our minds, the upswings in the economy have stimulated new businesses," says Sunil Sani, an entrepreneur and venture capitalist who is the co-founder of Careerglider.com, a site geared toward helping young people figure out their educational and career path. "Having an MBA highlights a skill set that many employers want."

We talked to Sani — himself an MBA holder from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania — about how the degree can further certain career goals.

Be your own boss

Branching out on your own

"When I got my MBA I went in knowing that I'd be going into a family business," says Sani. "It's really about getting into small business management."

Sani reminds students that networking is more than just hanging out with your classmates after a lecture. "I've worked with some of [my classmates] and I've invested with some of them, too."

Seeing the full picture

"The best part about an MBA is the networking because you work in groups," says Sani. "You are given a business problem and have to come in with your own solutions and get to have a lively discussion as a group."

Those group negotiations, he says, give students a glimpse of what it is like to market products and negotiate deals at a company.

Preparation for the startup world

"One great thing about the degree is that it can be used in fields like consulting and even social media," he notes.

Sani says he is seeing more companies looking for candidates with MBA backgrounds in fields like marketing.

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Be selective

Finding the right program for you

Good research is critical to finding a school that's the right fit for your interests and needs. Careerglider.com offers a blog with advice for potential students as well as information on different programs in the region.

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Planning

Acing the MBA application process

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The MBA application process may intimidate some candidates, in particular the international ones.

The following tips will help you becoming a standout applicant.

1 **Get organized.** As an MBA applicant, you need to be aware of deadlines, and required materials. Do not rush your application, as lack of depth or unedited essays will halt your application. Remember to allow time for revisions.

2 **Prepare yourself for the GMAT.** Particularly if you have been out of school for a period of time and it's been a while since you've taken a standardized test.

3 **Request documents in advance.** Some MBA applications may require not only an official copy of your transcript, but in cases of non-U.S. diplomas, U.S. admissions directors may require a certified, or sealed translation of documents such as transcripts.

4 **Choose your recommendations carefully.** Letters from individuals with big titles that do not know you often pale in comparison to a recommendation from someone who truly knows you, your interests and your skills.

5 **Think about your essay topic.** Your admissions essay should draw on your qualifications, as well as what drives you personally. There is no set formula, but you need to make the reader believe that not only are you qualified for an MBA in general, but also that you'd be a good fit for the program you're applying to in general. NATASHA MARIE LEVANTI, QS WORLD TOUR

1 Kim Kardashian is not sorry

There's trouble in the Jenner-Kardashian compound, and it apparently stems from comments that the most famous of the brood, Kim Kardashian, made in an interview with "Entertainment Tonight" last month expressing support for "what Bruce [Jenner] is going through." What he's reportedly going through is transitioning from male to female, though no official announcement has been made yet — hence the family strife. "Kim has not even tried to apologize because she says she was helping him and the ratings of the TV show," a source tells Radar Online. "Unfortunately, the more Kim talks the more famous she gets. She has pulled this kind of stunt before and has lost friends and lovers. But she honestly does not care. She just moves on." And honestly, I'm surprised by the family outrage. If anyone understands the "I was trying to boost our ratings" argument, it's those people.

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2 Katy Perry half-time show decoded by Illuminati conspiracy nuts

You can't perform at the Super Bowl without a certain, always entertaining corner of the Internet picking apart the annual halftime extravaganza in search of Illuminati clues and symbolism. Among those symbols on display this year, apparently, were the very important Masonic checker board — though her dancers were playing chess, not checkers, but whatever — and the Masonic Lion that Perry rode into battle. Except it was a tiger. But again, whatever. There's just so much going on here, it clearly has to be the work of a secret organization that controls the world, right?

Kanye doesn't want to be in your selfie

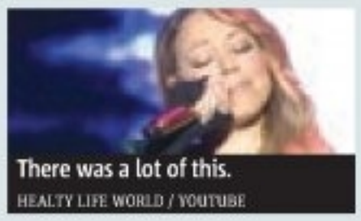
BOOMPOW / INSTAGRAM

Kanye West went to the Super Bowl, but he didn't look too happy about it. Or maybe he just wasn't too happy about being roped into a couple of fans' attempts at a selfie with the star. He just looks so miserable, right? Seriously, did he just send his Madame Tussauds' wax figure to the big game in his stead?

Daily video

Oh, Mariah. Oh no.

Hey, remember back in December when Mariah Carey sang live at the Rockefeller Center tree-lighting and everybody cringed? Well, her solution to that sort of problem isn't quite working out for her. Carey appeared at the recent Jamaica Jazz and Blues Festival, but attendees were more than a little miffed at what they claim was obvious lip-syncing. "She didn't do one live song," one commenter on the Jamaica Observer's site complained, while another added, "I guess the crowd was more excited to see Mariah perform than to listen [to] a genuine performance."



There was a lot of this.

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Interview. Nick Hornby takes on Hollywood's double-standards

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HORNBY ALSO RECENTLY WROTE THE SCREENPLAY FOR "WILD."

MIRIAM DOUGLAS

While Nick Hornby's seventh novel, "Funny Girl" is set in the '60s, the premise couldn't be more relevant: How do you live after an enormous amount of success comes to define your life? "We see it all the time," Hornby tells us. "People make one show, one album, one movie or one book. How do you cope with that afterwards?"

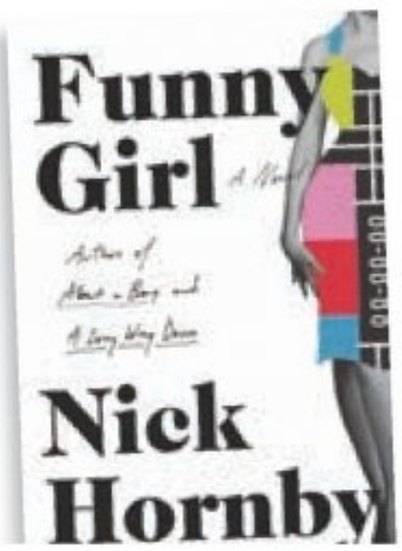
The funny thing about being funny

"Funny Girl" follows a small town girl named Barbara who moves to London with big dreams of becoming the next Lucille Ball. The bless and the curse is that Barbara is beautiful, which doesn't lend itself to being cast in comic roles.

"When I was working on 'An Education' [Hornby wrote the screenplay], Rosamund Pike said to me that she [loved] her comic role in the movie because she wasn't allowed to be funny very often," Hornby says. That one comment inspired his whole novel.

Highbrow, lowbrow and Nick Hornby

In the book, Barbara does land a leading comic sitcom role and she becomes one of the most famous actresses in Britain. She's an enjoyable character to follow in the book, but the supportive characters are just as colorful. In one scene, the show's director Dennis is caught in a highbrow versus lowbrow debate on a BBC news show defending his sitcom. Hornby says this is something he's experienced his entire career. "It's never very far from any of us it is? It's with literary fiction versus non-literary fiction, indie rock versus American 'Pop Idol' music. It's a debate that never seems to go away or get old," he says.



Present tense

No spoilers, just a tease

The book doesn't stay in the '60s. It brings readers right up to 2015 with the characters in their 70s, long after the success of the sitcom. So how does each character deal with getting older and the dim of bright success? There will be no spoilers here, only a tease: it's vastly different for everyone, and as with any Hornby book, you'll close the book thinking it's his best.

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THE WORD

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Twitter feed

Today, Mindy Kaling is there for you, Tom Daley's taste buds are maturing, Tom Arnold is having a rough time at home, Ricky Martin has a new mantra and Kevin Nealon is feeling left out.

@mindykaling: I'm live-tweeting tonight's brand new #theMindyProject bc after the last 30 seconds you're gonna want someone to talk to.

@TomDaley1994: Anyone else out there gone from hating coffee...to caramel single shot latte...to latte...to just black coffee? It all happened so quickly!

@TomArnold: I fear the music teacher from Whiplash has become my wife's spirit animal.

@ricky_martin: "Escape the ordinary"

@kevin_nealon: I wasn't told about the SNL 40th Anniversary. When is it?

TV watch list

DRAMA

'Agent Carter'

Peggy gets ready for her first mission and requests some backup. Who is available for backup in the '40s? All the Avengers are too young. Maybe Thor was around.
9 P.M., ABC

COMEDY

'Marry Me'

Annie and Jake don't win themselves any friends in their apartment building when they add some graffiti to a sign on the building. Only Banksy can do that, you guys. **9 P.M., NBC**

COMEDY

'Cougar Town'

Series regular Busy Philipps steps behind the camera for the first time to direct this episode, wherein Jules lends Travis some money once she's worried he might be having financial troubles. **10:30 P.M., TBS**

REALITY

'Real Housewives of Beverly Hills'

Kyle has a gay mixer, but things take an unfortunate turn when the guests begin insulting each other. **9 P.M., BRAVO**
LISA WEIDENFELDW

It's probably not a good sign that "Marry Me"'s Jake and Annie are handing out "carefrontation snacks." / PAUL DRINKWATER, NBC

Mindy settles down

Interview. Mindy Kaling says her titular character is learning to work through the bumps in her love life.

Contrary to what that "invisible Mindy" Nationwide Super Bowl ad suggested, she is quite visible on "The Mindy Project" Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. on Fox. / BETH DUBBER, FOX

"The Mindy Project" is attempting something pretty bold for a sitcom: The main couple got together, and stayed together. Many shows take the Ross and Rachel route, and try "will they/won't they" couples before breaking them up (see: "New Girl"), but so far, Mindy and beau Danny have been working out their differences.

"Mindy's a very wild character and she has very strong opinions, but they both just kind of want to make it work," says show creator and star Mindy Kaling. "Relationships work because people want to make it work, even if they're difficult people. It also just makes them really entertaining."

The duo has faced such challenges as Danny's intensely close relationship with his mother and Mindy getting a little ahead of herself in terms of where their relationship is, but they're now up against their biggest challenge yet: Mindy is doing a fellowship at Stanford, and they're dating long distance.

Asked if the show's writers intentionally decided to focus on Mindy's career now that her love life is relatively stable, Kaling jokes, "Thank you for giving us the credit to know that we're that planned out," before going on to say, "We just think, 'What's exciting to us?' Mindy had started taking interns under her wing, and I really liked that dynamic. I like when Mindy is bossy, but it's because she's competent, not because she's just being bossy."

"RELATIONSHIPS WORK BECAUSE PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE IT WORK, EVEN IF THEY'RE DIFFICULT PEOPLE. IT ALSO JUST MAKES THEM REALLY ENTERTAINING," SAYS KALING.
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Kaling took a little inspiration from her last job when planning out the Stanford arc. "We had an arc in 'The Office' called the Michael Scott Paper Company that was one of my favorite arcs. You don't always see professional ambition in TV characters, so that was really fun to do."

Part of the fun of writing the relationship between Mindy and Danny has been letting co-star Chris Messina go over the top with Danny. "I feel like Chris used to be a straight man for my character in like the first four episodes. More and more, my favorite scenes are the ones where Mindy is like, 'Hey man, are you OK?' Where Mindy's the straight man," says Kaling. "Chris is so talented. I love that in one episode he can be a complete heartthrob, but then also a walking physical comedy setpiece. It's awesome."

Kaling notes part of the characters' commitment to staying together has to do with their age — people in their 30s are a little less likely to break up for frivolous reasons. "The long distance puts a strain on [the relationship]," she says, "but also it brings out some really interesting and loving sides to them, which has been fun to play."

New cast

Co-star turnover

The show has had some changes in the makeup of the cast, but a recent one has Kaling extra sad: the impending departure of Adam Pally. Don't expect anyone to jump back in to take his place right away, though. "We can't really replace Pally. He's so funny and he's so woven into the fabric of the show. Mindy and him are such close friends that we definitely wouldn't want to replace anyone with his energy, which is so rare. It's kind of like incredibly sweet frat boy a—hole."

Kaling does promise that the show will be addressing the character leaving, however, and not ignoring the role he played in the clinic. "We have a whole thing about replacing the doctor — the hole that he left — so that's going to be a nice arc."

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Genevieve Gorder on designing a kid's room

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Don't you wish you had a swing in your room growning up? Here's a look at Bebelle's room photographed for HGTV Magazine's October issue. / DAVID A. LAND/HGTV MAGAZINE

Tips. See how the designer set up her daughter's room.

Designer and HGTV star Genevieve Gorder's New York City home recently underwent a complete redesign. One of the most awe-inspiring spaces was her daughter Bebelle's room.

We talked to the designer on why she chose the elements she did.

Incorporate family heirlooms

"Bebelle has a beautiful bedroom. I put in a bunch of furniture from my grandmother," says Gorder. "My grandmother's bed that I slept in as a kid is now my daughter's bed." The designer wasn't reusing the furniture to cut down on costs, though that's always a plus. "[It's important] to have things from family so she knows she's part of something bigger, and she respects older furniture and techniques that just get ingrained into their visual memory," explains Gorder. To avoid looking outdated, Gorder spruced up the piece. "I painted the bed with a gorgeous black oil paint so it makes it look more contemporary and gives it a new life," she says.

Don't forget the fun

The pièce de résistance is a wooden swing in the middle of Bebelle's room. "Her room is how you dream about as a 6-year-old in a non-commercial way," says the designer. "It's about incorporating really simple things that give you pleasure when you're a kid that you don't get to have when you're older." And Bebelle's friends all love coming over to play in her room. Gorder says they come over after school and line up for their turn on the swing.

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PLUS

Decor tip

Not just for kids

Gorder loves mixing items like a metallic side table and lush pillows from regular stores with the toys and kid-friendly pieces. "If you just give them kid furniture and kid clothes and kid room stuff, it becomes like a toys store and kinda junky," she says.

Kickstarter projects that could transform parenting

Parents constantly have to problem-solve — it can seem like there's a potential crisis every hour. Most parents want to just quiet their kid and move on, but the creative minds behind these three projects are using the problems they've faced to help other parents. Check out their amazing ideas. EMILY LAURENCE

1 A genius way to get picky eaters to dig in

Having a child who's a picky eater makes every meal stressful. The inventor of Jungle Bowl is a mom who knows this all too well, which is why she came up with a clever way to get kids to eat everything in front of them. Parents can hide a little toy surprise at the bottom of this bowl — in a small, clear plastic section — that the child can get to only after eating his or her way through the food on top. Ah, the element of surprise. Works every time.

2 A toy that creates more toys

This toy sharpens kids' creativity and coding skills, just by using drinking straws. The Quirkbot is a microcontroller that kids can program on the computer to do anything. The inventors behind this project worked with elementary schoolers to make sure it's easy to use. Once programmed, kids can slide straws over the microcontroller's extensions and start building their own robots. The possibilities are endless, and it's all done with straws!

3 A book empowering kids with cancer

Going through cancer treatment is exhausting and confusing for kids in many ways. Carole Folkert wants to make just one aspect of cancer not as traumatic: hair loss. She wrote "The Legend of the Hair Fairies" about fairies who replace hair with hope. It turns losing hair into something positive, not sad. She saw firsthand how her story helped a little girl close to her heart. If funded, she'll be able to give 1,000 books to kids for free.

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Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Success is in the cards. Be secretive about your ideas to avoid someone intervening and throwing you off your game. If you follow your intuition, you will come out ahead.

Aries | March 21-April 20
Slow and steady will win the race. Mistakes are likely if you have too many irons in the fire. There is someone who wants to collaborate with you. Make sure the partnership is an equal one.

Taurus | April 21-May 21
Spend time on your own. Research something or someone you find intriguing. Studying and honing your skills will keep you from getting into a damaging, emotional debate.

Gemini | May 22-June 20
You will have a chance to try something out of the ordinary. If you participate in everything that is going on, you will have an eye-opening experience.

Cancer | June 21-July 22
You can get what you want if you are patient. Let things unfold naturally. Don't rush into new ventures. If you want to take advantage of new possibilities, pay close attention.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Compromise will be a necessity. Don't fall for an offer that sounds too good to be true. Keep your valuables under surveillance.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Keep an eye out for a job opportunity. A chance to pick up additional skills should not be missed. Give whatever you do your best shot in order to succeed.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
You will end up paying the price if you have been overspending or overindulging. Make an effort to get back on track and stick to your budget. Love is apparent.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Career advancement should be your first concern. You can increase your cash flow by marketing a unique idea to the right people. A personal relationship needs to be nurtured.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
If you are feeling down and out, take time to rejuvenate. Find a relaxing way to soothe your nerves. Get plenty of rest and prepare to take on the world.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Love and romance are highlighted. If you plan a fun activity with someone special, you will discover how much you have in common. An impromptu trip will result in improved living arrangements. EUGENIA LAST

Letters to the editor

Congrats, Pats!

Super Bowl XLIX was truly a clash of the Titans. New England Patriots under coach Bill Belichick vs. the Seattle Seahawks under coach Pete Carroll fought many hard games to get their teams to this most important day — a day where both teams engaged in a battle of epic proportions. Both teams struggled to win the prize. But as in any battle or game there can only be one winner. As once was written by Stanley Ralph Ross, "The thrill of victory ... the agony of defeat." That is so very true. I congratulate the New England Patriots for a hard-fought game. Kudos, Patriots, you've done good!

FREDERICK R. BEDELL JR., VIA EMAIL

Seahawks coach unwitting MVP

I believe rather than Tom Brady being named the Super Bowl MVP, this honor should have gone to Seahawks coach Pete Carroll because we couldn't have won the game without his invaluable coaching skills. They had the game in the bag and then Carroll comes along and saves the day for New England Patriots fans. As I stated , we couldn't have done it without him. He's my MVP.

SAL GIARRATANI, VIA EMAIL

'A taste of victory'

During the defining moment
When two destinies were staring
At the whites of each others' eyes
One blinked
And a vision for a big play was born
That, from its blessed superposition
Being the ball, its movement, and capture
Served the most amazing victory
For the New England Patriots and their fans
Thank you, Mr. Butler.

ALINA B. WRĘCZYCKI, VIA EMAIL

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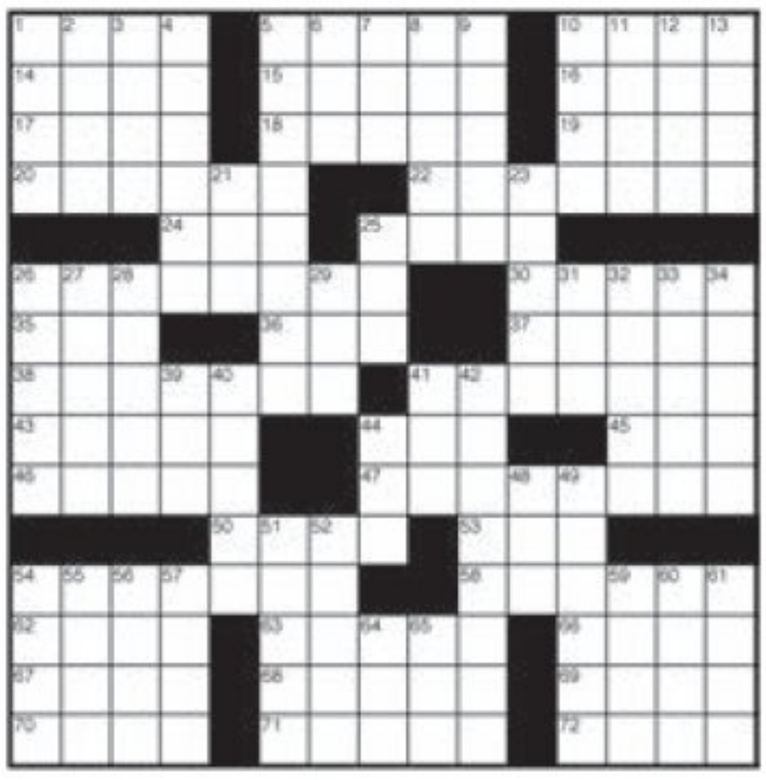

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BELICHICK KEEPS ON WINNING, REST OF THE COUNTRY KEEPS ON HATING

Opinion

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This first: Bill Belichick is the greatest football coach of all-time. I 100 percent believe this.

Second: Two weeks ago I received some "friendly" emails from Patriots honks who said I was being totally unfair by saying Belichick's reputation as a football coach was forever tarnished.

Well, here's the deal: In Boston, Belichick's reputation is gold. He is the modern-day Red Auerbach in terms of acumen. He is loved in the way Larry Bird was once loved because of his similar anti-authority and "go against the grain" mentality and personality.

But across the rest of the country, despite having won his fourth Super Bowl ring as HC of the NEP on Sunday night, his name remains mud. There will always be a "yeah, but" associated with his name despite mounting evidence that he didn't know a thing about deflated footballs in the AFC title game and the fact that spying on opponents' hand signals on the sidelines was once as common a football practice as running the ball when you're at the 1-yard line.

Now, if Belichick had Pete Carroll's personality, he would go on Jimmy Fallon this evening, they would splash some water in each other's faces, giggle for 20 minutes, and then Belichick would don a crown and carry a golden scepter before being hailed as the undisputed greatest mind in the history of team sports.

But Belichick doesn't play the mainstream game. He is a grump who would rather curl up on the couch, watch "My Cousin Vinny" for the 55 hundredth time and eat a container of Ben & Jerry's Cherry Garcia before going to any sort of NFL-sponsored, waste-of-time "gala."

That is the main reason why people are hesitant to, as a lesser football mind once said, "crown his ass."

New England fans are beginning to get it, though. They're starting to "embrace the hate" in the way that Oakland fans loved the '70s Raiders and Detroit fans loved the late-'80s Pistons. It's starting to become an enjoyable activity, this "being hated" thing.

When the NFL releases its findings on "Deflate-gate" on the first Friday of the NCAA tournament at 4:30 in the afternoon next month and slaps Belichick and the Pats on the wrist with a small fine, the millions of Belichick haters will cry "I told ya so" on message boards across the Internet. For these people, it won't matter in the least that the NFL has little proof. The haters will just say that Belichick is hiding so much more and that Goodell burned the tapes for his buddy Bob Kraft.

But if you're honest with yourself, you know. You recognize that no other football coach has ever had this much success with this much roster turnover. You ignore the noise, and you know that no one in the history of football is better than Belichick.

Bill Belichick heads to the playing field Sunday night in Glendale, Arizona.
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NFL. Edelman passed concussion test in game

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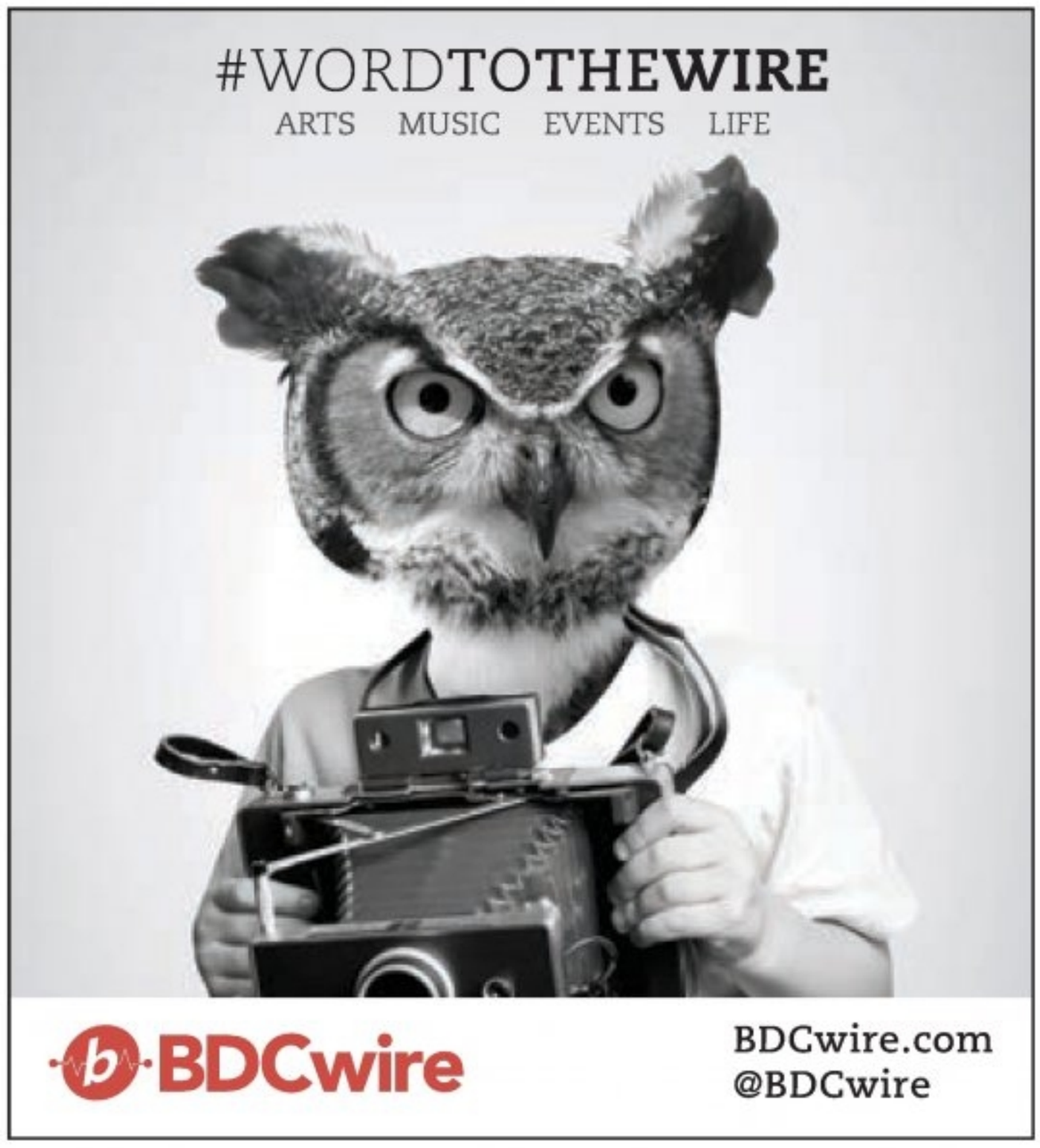
Many were worried about the mental state of Edelman after Sunday's game as he referred to "Seattle" as "St. Louis" before correcting himself. But according to the Associated Press, Edelman was tested for a concussion and passed the test during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game.

"We were backed up third-and-long and [Edelman] found a way," Tom Brady told WEEI.com. "He made a great route on an in-cut, I put it on him and Kam, who's a big safety, laid a good shot on him." METRO



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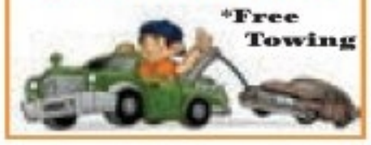

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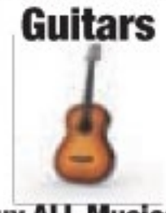
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